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SUBJECT: What Bob Gates Wants by COB, next Tuesday - 18 September

Each NIO is to ante-up a brief paper which contains the following:

1. Based on the issues with which each NIO deals, come up with 10 to 12 specific pieces of information (regardless of difficulty) which, if collected, would make a specific difference in our estimative knowledge or confidence. An example: What specific piece of evidence would convince us that [redacted] going for nukes? These are to be all-source, and are to be specific and knowable secrets, not unknowable mysteries.
2. For each item listed, indicate where the best information relative to that topic is now coming from. That is, HUMINT or whatever.
3. For each item listed, indicate also what means of collection would in our view be best for collecting the specific information sought.

COMMENT: The Director wants this information for the on-site Conference he will be holding a week from Saturday with the NFIB Principals. The DCI is dissatisfied with the NITs, and has been told by Gates that the NIO's are in the best position to come up with specific gems (highest priority items for the collectors). We are to do this within the NIC; we are not to check with the DDI or any other outside office.

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